

BIOGRAPHY

ARENDS, LESLIE C., Republican, of Melvin, Ill., born at Melvin, Ill.; attended grade and high schools at Melvin, Ill., and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; married and has one daughter, Letty; served in the United States Navy during World War I, charter member of Melvin Post, No. 642, American Legion, serving as post commander, county commander, and seventeenth district commander; member of Ford County Farm Bureau; Methodist; 33d degree Mason; member of board of directors, Illinois Wesleyan University; actively engaged in banking and farming since 1920; elected to the Seventy-fourth Congress on November 6, 1934; reelected to the Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, Eighty-first, Eighty-second, Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth, and Eighty-fifth Congresses.